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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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TITLE: "METHOD TO EXCITE PLANAR SLICES IN A MAGNETIC RESONANCE  
TOMOGRAPHY DEVICE, ACCOUNTING FOR NONLINEAR  
GRADIENT FIELDS"

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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants request that citation and examination of the following document be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

AT "Correcting for Nonuniform k-Space Sampling in Two-  
dimensional NMR Selective Excitation," Hardy et al, J. of Mag.  
Res., Volume 87 (1990) Pages 639-645

**EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE**

Reference AT was identified and discussed at page 11 of the present specification, and Applicants stand by the statements in the specification concerning the teachings of this reference.

A copy of Reference AT together with Form 1449 is submitted herewith.

As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application. This Information Disclosure Statement is therefore in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of reference AT. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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## OTHER PRIOR ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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